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GENEVA S/S FOR GELB

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SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TALKING POINTS TO BE DRAWN
UPON IN EXPLAINING PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON US ARMS SALES
POLICY. BASIC GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.
2. THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT MAY ASK IF THIS NEW POLICY
MEANS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE UNWILLING TO SELL
MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO NIGERIA, GIVEN THAT IT IS NOT A

TRADITIONAL "FRIEND OR ALLY" AND WE HAVE NOT IN THE PAST
INTERPRETED ARMS TRANSFERS TO NIGERIA AS BEING IN OUR
NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST. IF SUCH A QUESTION IS ASKED,
EMBASSY MAY AMPLIFY THE BASIC GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT ALONG
THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL
RETAIN ITS FLEXIBILITY TO DEAL WITH CHANGING SITUATIONS.

-- REQUESTS FROM NEW PURCHASERS AND FROM TRADITIONAL
PURCHASERS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IN
LIGHT OF THE NEW POLICY GUIDELINES.

-- NIGERIA HAS A KEY ROLE TO
PLAY IN MAINTAINING STABILITY AND SEEKING PEACEFUL
RESOLUTIONS TO CONFLICTS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. THIS
WILL CERTAINLY BE KEPT IN MIND SHOULD NIGERIA EXPRESS
AN INTEREST IN PURCHASING US MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

3. FYI: THIS NEW POLICY WILL NOT AFFECT THE DECISION
TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SALE OF CHINOOK HELICOPTER IF NIGERIA
REQUESTS THEM. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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